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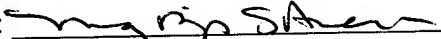
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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected to prosecute Group I. Having made this election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The Examiner indicated in a telephone conference with Applicant's representative that the requirement for a species election applies only to the election of Group II and that if Applicant elects Group I, no species election is required. Thus, because Applicant has elected Group I, no species election has been made.

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